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Hello Safe Routes to School (SR2S) coordinators and friends! Here is what's new with Michigan's Safe Routes to School program this month:

URBAN-FOCUSED TRAINING ON SEPTEMBER 11

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) is hosting a Safe Routes to School training on Thursday, September 11, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at their office in Lansing (735 E. Michigan Avenue). Attending training is a great way for school personnel and other interested stakeholders to learn how to create sustainable SR2S programs. Our training staff explains the five SR2S Handbook modules and their associated activities, discusses funding opportunities, leads a walking audit and action planning session, and much more.

This training will have a special focus on the many issues facing SR2S programs in urban and underserved communities.

This training is free, but **you must enroll in advance** by calling the Safe Routes to School office at 1-800-434-8642 or by sending an e-mail to Andrea Cawthray at acawthray@michiganfitness.org.

For more information please visit our website at www.saferoutesmichigan.org/train2.htm.

MATERIALS FOR WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

International Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 8. All registered SR2S schools and those who registered to be included in the Walk to School Day event will receive a packet of materials in mid-September that includes: stickers for each student; a certificate of participation for the school; a newsletter; and a post-event response form. If October 8 does not work for your school, just choose another day: the whole month of October is Walk to School Month.



Walk to School Day at Bingham Elementary School, Lansing, MI (courtesy photo)

Remember to fill out the post-event response form and return it by mail, fax or electronically on or before Monday, November 3, and your school will be included in a prize drawing!

Don't forget to let community members, media and other dignitaries know about your Walk to School Day event! Check out our website for the customizable press release at www.saferoutesmichigan.org/w2sd_materials.htm.